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# **Press Release**

**Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff**

<b>Classification:</b>	Attempt Murder	<b>Incident Date:</b>	May 10, 2010
<b>Author/Date/Time:</b>	Lieutenant Michael Thatcher 05-10-10 / 2:15 P.M.		

<b>Incident Location:</b>	1600 block of Firestone Boulevard, Florence/Firestone area of Unincorporated Los Angeles County
<b>C/P Location:</b>	N/A

<b>Victim(s):</b>	Off-Duty Los Angeles Airport Police Officer	<b>Suspect(s):</b>	1. Efren Alcaraz, MH/24, Los Angeles Resident
			2. Carlos Vasquez, MH/18, Los Angeles resident
			3. Israel Garcia MH/21, Los Angeles resident

### **Narrative:**

Gang members set their sights on the wrong victim: An off-duty police officer.

Deputies from Century Station responded to a "Gunshot Victim" call at the intersection of Alameda Street and Firestone Boulevard, Los Angeles, where they contacted the victim. The deputies learned that as the victim drove eastbound on the 1600 block of Firestone Boulevard, a vehicle with three males inside pulled up alongside the victim's vehicle. One of the males in the vehicle shouted at the victim then fired two rounds at him with a handgun. The suspects' vehicle fled the scene by

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completing a U-turn and speeding away, westbound Firestone Boulevard and out of view.

The victim was not struck by the gunfire, but suffered lacerations on his left hand from broken window glass.

Deputies located the suspects' vehicle in the 8700 block of Plevka Avenue, Los Angeles, approximately five blocks away from the crime scene. All three suspects were located inside of the vehicle and were arrested for Attempt Murder, Possession of a Firearm by an Ex-Felon, and Carrying a Concealed Firearm in a Vehicle. Each of their bail amounts is set at \$500,000.

A handgun was recovered from within the suspects' vehicle.

The victim positively identified the suspects, their vehicle, and the firearm used in the crime.

The suspects are admitted gang members who live in the area where the crime occurred.

At this time, no evidence has been found to indicate the victim was targeted by the suspects because of his status as an off-duty police officer.

"These suspects are in custody because of detailed information provided by an off-duty police officer and the fast work of sheriff's deputies," said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Mike Parker.

One of the suspects was driving his mother's vehicle during the shooting on Mother's Day.

For questions or information about this incident, please contact Century Station Lieutenant Michael Thatcher.